

Robin Eley

(Australian, b. 1978, lives in Los Angeles)

Robin Eley was born in 1978 in London, England. In 1981 his family migrated to Australia where he completed his secondary education. In 1997 he moved to the United States where he would attend Westmont College, earning a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Fine Art in 2001.

Eley's international exhibitions include *Koi No Yokan* (2013) at 101/EXHIBIT in Los Angeles, *BMG First Look* (2013) at Bernarducci Meisel Gallery in New York, and *Journeys* (2012) at the Ridley-Tree Museum of Art in Santa Barbara, California. Solo exhibitions include *Singularity* (2012) and *Idolatry* (2013), both held at Hill Smith Gallery in Adelaide, South Australia, and *PRISM* (2014) with 101/EXHIBIT in Los Angeles.

Eley has been a finalist in numerous Australian art prizes, most notably Runner Up (2010) and Highly Commended (2011) in the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, the world's richest prize for portraiture. In addition, he has also been a finalist in the Archibald Prize (2012), the Eutick Memorial Still Life Art Prize (2010, 2012) and the Nora Heysen Still Life Art Award (2011). In 2012 he was the recipient of an International Presentation Grant from Arts SA which enabled him to accept an invitation to travel to the United States to exhibit his work in California.

His work is held in numerous private art collections around the world and has recently been acquired by the Ridley-Tree Museum of Art.

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Education

2001 B.A. Fine Art, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA

Solo Exhibitions

2014 *PRISM*, 101/EXHIBIT, Los Angeles, CA
2013 *Idolatry*, Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide, Australia
2012 *Singularity*, Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide, Australia

Group Exhibitions

2014 *Contemporary Realism Biennial* (Invitational Artist), Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Indiana, USA
Side Project, Academy of Design Australia, Melbourne, Australia
Salon de Refusés (Juried Selection), S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2013 *Fleurieu Art Prize* (Finalist), South Australia
Koi No Yokan, 101/EXHIBIT, Los Angeles, CA
BMG First Look, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY
2012 *Archibald Prize* (Finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Journeys, Ridley-Tree Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, USA
Chinese Australia, Ausin Tung Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
Eutick Memorial Still Life Art Prize (Finalist), Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, Coffs Harbour, Australia
2011 *Doug Moran National Portrait Prize* (Highly Commended), State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Nora Heysen Centenary Art Prize for Still Life (Finalist), Adelaide, Australia
2010 *Doug Moran National Portrait Prize* (Runner Up), State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Eutick Memorial Still Life Art Prize, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, Coffs Harbour, Australia
Royal South Australian Society of the Arts Spring Exhibition, Adelaide, Australia

Awards/Grants

2014 Contemporary Realism Biennial, Juror Invitational Merit Award
2012 Arts SA International Presentation Grant
2011 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, Highly Commended
2010 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, Runner Up
RSASA Star Portraits Winner
2008 Rip It Up Emerging Artist Award

Professional Appointments

2012 Director, The Art Academy, South Australia
2011 Mentor, Jump Mentoring Program, Australia Council for the Arts

Collections

Ridley-Tree Museum of Art, Montecito, CA

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Mack, Melissa. "Singularity Review." *InDaily*. Feb 2012.
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Parker, Sam. "Robin Eley's Amazing Hyper Realistic Nudes." *The Huffington Post UK*. Nov 2011.
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